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SPEAKER DECIDES TO JOIN RED SOX AND ACCEPT CUT

Boston, March 23.—Tris Speaker, crack centerfielder of the World Champion Red Sox, who had refused to join the team because of objections to a salary reduction yesterday wrote President Lannin that he would go to the training camp at Hot Springs, Ark., at once. Speaker will go through the practice season and take up the salary question when the Red Sox return to Boston.

BURKETT CANNOT BUY LOWELL CLUB

Worcester, March 23.—Numerous attempts were made to patch up the Lowell baseball club tangle in Monday's scheduled meeting of the Eastern league in the Bancroft hotel. Important among the propositions offered was the suggestion made by Manager Jesse Burkett of the Lawrence club, Burkett, after listening to club owners, was discussing the situation, offered to take over the Lowell club, providing he could get his release from Lawrence. He was immediately given the thumbs down.

After considerable wrangling, Burkett finally was given the floor, and he immediately proposed that he take over the club from both owners. This, of course, was a suggestion made with the provision that Owner Joseph Sullivan of Lawrence give him his release. Kiernan and Smith were agreeable to Burkett taking over the club, but Roach, who by the way is a friend of Burkett, hesitated. That the deal was settled when Owner Sullivan announced under no consideration would he agree to have Burkett leave Lawrence. When this proposition fell through the league managers voted to give the two factions in the Lowell club five days to settle the affair.

PENN AND PRINCETON WILL PLAY OFF TIE FOR BASKETBALL TITLE

Philadelphia, March 23.—Pennsylvania and Princeton will play off the intercollegiate basketball tie next Tuesday. The date was selected at a conference here yesterday between Ralph Morgan of the University of Pennsylvania and Dr. Roycroft of Princeton after the Pennsylvania faculty committee on athletics had authorized one game to decide the championship. The game will probably be played on the Convention Hall floor here, as the Pennsylvania gymnasium is not large enough to accommodate the spectators, and it is also desired to play the game on neutral ground. The decision to play off the tie finds the Penn team in poor shape. Martin, one of the forwards, will probably be unable to play because of scholastic difficulties, and William Penn's other forward, is in poor physical condition. Capt. McNichol is also having scholastic troubles because of the time he mislaid from his studies in the engineering school during the past strenuous basketball season.

CLEVELAND MANAGER BELIEVES HE HAS FINE PITCHER IN JIM BAGBY

New Orleans, March 23.—Manager Lee Fohl of the Cleveland Indians is said to be much taken with Jim Bagby, his pitching recruit secured from the New Orleans Pelicans. Bagby has two strong recommendations. He is not only able to do a vast amount of work in the box—he pitched 293 innings for New Orleans last year—but he also is rated a whale with the mound because of his ability to keep the ball in the outfield on a number of occasions.

Indeed, it is said Fohl seriously considers making an outfielder of him because of his swiftness of arm. In the outfield gardeners now in sight fail to live up to expectations. Bagby hit .270 with New Orleans last year in 58 games. Bagby hails from Georgia and broke into the professional game in 1910 with Augusta in the South Atlantic league.

All his work has been done in the minors of the South except for a brief trial with the Cincinnati Reds in 1912. That the Reds did not keep him is not in the minds of many of the experts, anything to be held against his record.

DAN MOELLER IS 31

Dan Moeller, the veteran outfielder of Griffith's Washington clan, will pass his thirty-first milestone today. Moeller is a college man, and played the game at Milliken College and De Pauw college and with a semi-pro team in Burlington, Vt., before he broke into the professional game with the Troy New York State league club in 1907. He was born in Dewitt, Iowa, on March 23, 1883.

Moeller's first appearance in the big league was in 1909, when he started the season with Pittsburgh's which had purchased him from Troy. He was used in but a few games that year, and in 1909 he was sold to Jersey City. In 1910 the Eckfords snapped him to Rochester, where he played the remainder of that season and in 1911. At the close of the season he was purchased by Washington for \$2,000.

Moeller has been a fair outfielder during his Washington career, but his batting has deteriorated each season. Starting with an average of .276 in 1912, he batted .236 in 1913, .250 in 1914, and .226 in 1915. Griffith now has several promising candidates for outfield jobs, and it is likely that Dan's career as a regular is about over.

SPRING FLOWERING PLANTS.
JOHN RECK & SON.

MANAGER ROBINSON LOOKS FOR GOOD WORK FROM BIG CHIEF MEYERS



Manager Wilbert Robinson says that Big Chief Meyers, whom he recently obtained from the New York Nationals, will be as good as ever behind the bat this season. While with the Giants last season many baseball experts were under the impression that the big Indian's days as a big leaguer were about over, in fact, many believed Robinson had just signed Meyers to coach the young pitchers. However, one should see Meyers during the practice games lately. He acts more like a newcomer than a veteran. Robinson believes he will put up just as steadily a game behind the bat for the Superbas as he ever did for the Giants. Not alone has he been doing brilliant backstopping, but he has also been hitting well.

FRANK MORAN AND WILLARD FINISH GOOD GAME FOR YANKS SECOND TEAM

New York, March 23.—Frank Moran finished training yesterday for his bout with Champion Jess Willard at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night. When he entered the ring against the Kansas giant he will be in no better physical condition than he was yesterday. He will be perfectly satisfied if he is in just as good shape. Light exercise will be taken today to keep him keyed up to his present physical tone.

Moran's fine physical condition has imbued him with supreme confidence. In fact, the blonde Pittsburgher seems over-confident. Moran is so sure of winning that he expects to land a knockout. Moran believes that all that Willard has is size. He has great confidence in his own ability to take the ambition of every ball player with beating eyes and exclaimed: "This bout on Saturday night won't go five rounds. Jess will win by a knockout before that."

When Jess Willard had finished his last hard work-out yesterday his manager, Tom Jones, looked him over with beaming eyes and exclaimed: "This bout on Saturday night won't go five rounds. Jess will win by a knockout before that."

PITTSBURGH PLAYER LOOKED FOR HALL OF FAME FOR BASEBALL MEN

(Sporting News.)
Hans Wagner's historian, Jim Jerpe, tells this one and credits it to Wagner: "The ambition of every ball player is to remain in the majors as long as possible. Jimmie Viox, glancing over a newspaper on a train, one day last spring, struck the headline: 'VETERANS IN THE HALL OF FAME.' It carried an article about Cy Young's 23 years of service and mentioned others who not only had served beyond 20 years, but were great the big part of that time."

"Wouldn't you like to serve 23 years and draw down those wages?" asked Viox of his arch kisser, Doc Johnston.

Viox studied the paper a while longer and asked:

"Where is the hall of fame, anyway?"

"Oh, it's in New York down near Park Row or somewhere," replied Johnston.

"How do you get into the place?" pursued the Pirate second sacker.

"Oh, you can't break in there until you've done something great—batted like Cobb, pitched like Matty, or played like Lajoie," Johnston replied.

"I don't mean to get in that way," explained Jimmie. "I want to know the price of admission."

"Oh, is that it?" laughed Johnston. "That will cost you a dollar."

The next time Pittsburgh visited New York poor Jim bothered every traffic policeman between Forty-second street and City Hall for the whereabouts of "Baseball's Hall of Fame."

KEATING PITCHES GOOD GAME FOR YANKS SECOND TEAM

Macon, Ga., March 23.—John Franklin Baker, whose wounded talon has kept him in the background for three weeks, made his first appearance with the Yankees in a ball game yesterday. When he entered the ring against the Yankees he will be in no better physical condition than he was yesterday. He will be perfectly satisfied if he is in just as good shape. Light exercise will be taken today to keep him keyed up to his present physical tone.

It required the assistance of Fritz Mullen to complete the defeat of the Yankees, but Baker's debut at third base was none the less auspicious. He scored two of the three runs for his side, struck a clean two-bagger and got a scratch single. In addition he handled several chances at third and made his presence in the game felt.

The first time he came to bat he got a scratch hit, which was recorded by some of the scorers as an error for Mullen. It was a hard drive which Mullen had to go far to the left for, and the ball got away from him. He eventually scored when Pipp shot a single to right field and Layden let the ball get away and roll to the fence.

But there was no question about Baker's second hit. He got it in the eighth inning off Dan Tipton. He drove the ball over Miller's head to the fence. As he turned second the ball was being relayed to third.

The throw was wide and a little boy who was playing with some of the athletes stopped the ball. Baker could easily have taken another base, but Donovan ruled against him on the blocked ball.

The pitching was again good. Ray Keating allowed the Yankees to get two hits, one of them Baker's scratch hit, in five innings. Piercy gave the other side but three scattered hits in the same period, but they netted a run. Tipton and Shocker were hit hard.

ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

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KAUFF IS GIVEN FINE INTRODUCTION BUT GETS NO HITS

Waco, Tex., March 23.—Seldom indeed has a ball player been introduced to a crowd by a special announcer, but this honor was conferred upon Benny Kauff and the several members of the Giants in the game with Waco Navigators at Kaly park yesterday afternoon.

The ordinary members of the team—such fellows as Harry Doyle, Fred Merkle and the others—were called by their last names. George Kelly was introduced as trying for right field, but Kauff was presented thusly: "Gentlemen—This are the most celebrated Benny Kauff at bat. Manager Hardy done had all de fences made stronger for de matinee."

After all that to-do, the Giants could barely win, which they did by a score of 2 to 1. Kauff played only a minor part. In three trips to bat he rolled to the first baseman, struck out and bounced to the pitcher. This was not much for "de most celebrated" Benny Kauff.

The course of events proved that the announcer would have devoted his time much better in announcing George Kelly, the lanky Californian, and Fred Merkle, the Toledo's leading citizen. In the third inning Kelly registered in the Giants' run column by lacing the ball over the right field fence.

It flew into the window of a passing trolley car, and was carried to the end of the line. It was the longest home run in the history of baseball in Texas.

SHOEMAKER BEATS HENRY S. OSBORNE

STANDING.	W.	L.	Pts.
E. F. Reynolds,	4	0	600
J. H. Shoemaker,	4	0	500
C. M. Munoz,	4	1	571
H. S. Osborne,	3	3	527
F. A. Unger,	1	4	504
J. J. Maloney,	1	5	537
H. B. Hawkins,	0	4	286

New York, March 23.—Henry S. Osborne, the Bridgeport man, whose play has improved so from day to day that followers of the national amateur pocket billiard tournament at the New York Athletic club expected him to give J. Howard Shoemaker, the champion a hard fight, made good yesterday afternoon. He made good to the extent that he gave Shoemaker a hard fight.

He kept close enough to be considered in the running until the last few frames, when the New Yorker opened his bag of tricks and played in true championship form. Shoemaker's sport, which included runs of 18, 15 and 10, enabled him to win by a score of 125 to 71.

GIANTS SEND SHARMAN TO MEMPHIS CLUB TO GET MORE SEASONING

New York, March 23.—The melancholy days are come for the last few rookies. After a month of existence in comparative affluence and a big league uniform, the vast majority of the newcomers are ready to return to the minors. While Bill Donovan knows where a good many of his extra hands are going, John McGraw is still undecided which clubs will land most of his superfluous talent.

Waivers have already been obtained by the New York National league club on Ralph Sharmen, the promising young outfielder. Sharmen will soon join the Memphis club of the Southern association, which is managed by Portsmouth, in the Ohio State league. Sharmen will go to Memphis on an optional agreement, as he is one of the best looking outfielders drafted by the Giants in several years. With some youth in the Ohio State league last year Sharmen earned quite a reputation as an all around performer, with emphasis on home run hitting.

His batting average was .274. Somebody called John Foster's attention to an account of a game in which Sharmen made three home runs, and on the strength of that the Giants put in a draft for the player.

REACH BASEBALL GUIDE ISSUED FOR THIS SEASON

The 1916 Reach American League Guide—the official handbook of the great major league—has just made its debut. It is a complete guide to the season, ushering in one more baseball season; a function which it has fulfilled each spring for 34 consecutive years.

The book gives a complete review of the American league's 15th eventful season as a major league; complete records and averages of the American league 1915 race and players; a graphic story of the 1915 World's Series between the Boston Red Sox and the Philadelphia Nationals; a synopsis of all remarkable American league feats of the 1915 season; and a general review of all matters affecting the American league during the whole of 1915 and up to date of publication. In this section also are given reviews of the remarkable happenings during the 1915 season, and the roster of the champion Boston Red Sox. Bust, group and action pictures of the officials, managers and leading players of the American league are also given.

The 1916 Reach Official American League Guide also contains the most important requisite to give it official stamp and public value, namely, the revised and correct uniform Playing Rules Code for 1916, together with the 1915 championship schedules of the American league, National league, and various important minor leagues. The Reach American League Guide for 1916 is for sale by all newsdealers at 10 cents the copy.

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AROUND THE SPORT LOOP

Although denials have been made that Larry McLean, the former Giant catcher, has bought the New Haven baseball franchise, the Elm City sporting writers insist that the deal has gone through. They say the money has already been deposited in a New Haven bank. The executors of the Cameron estate, which owns the franchise, declare they won't announce the new owner's name until April 3.

Gene McCann is springing some big league ideas again this season. It is reported that the New London players will train at Hot Springs, Ark., for the Eastern league campaign. McCann has received word that Owner Plant, who is in Florida, has secured Catcher Fish from the Phillies. This youngster was intended for the Portland, Ore., club, but the Coast leaguers decided not to take him.

William Abits, the young pitcher who is to be given a tryout by Bridgeport, is recommended by Martin Walsh. He says Abits has done fine work with semi-pro teams around New York.

The fancy spring weather has put a crimp in Yale's baseball plans. The game scheduled with Amherst for April 8 has been called off.

Although outbait by the Cubs, the Phillies took the fourth straight game from Tinker's men in Florida yesterday. The score was 4 to 3. Oeschger and Baumgartner twirled for the Phillies. Lavender, the former Hoboken pitcher, and McConnell

worked for the Cubs.

Al Reich and Porky Flynn will meet tonight at the Manhattan Opera house in New York. In order to keep the spectators informed of events a large split second time clock will be suspended over the ring to record time of rounds, rests between rounds and the actual time a man is down in case of a knockdown.

Young McCalliffe is working at Batting Levin's place in Stratford for his bout with Sammy Waltz of Hartford in New Haven March 31.

It is said that the Detroit Tigers have uncovered two youngsters who will be sure to stay in the big show this season. Hellman, a first baseman, and Outfielder George Maisei have been hitting like fiends in exhibition games. Maisei is a brother of Fritz Maisei, the Yankee star.

It is said that the Cleveland or Athletics will claim Outfielder Tim Hendrix if the Yankees ask for waivers on him. Hendrix batted .325 in the Southern league last season but there is no place for him in the Yankee outfield.

The New York Americans are so pleased with Macon, Ga., as a training camp that they may make arrangements to have that city as the permanent spring quarters of the club.

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EXPECT BIG CROWD FOR BOXING AT CASINO TONIGHT

It is expected that boxing fans will throng the Casino tonight when the Black Rock A. C. show will take place. The star bout of 15 rounds between Johnny Howard of Bayonne, N. J., and former Middleweight champion George Chip is looked upon as sure to furnish thrills for the crowd. Chip has been here for several days finishing his training and Howard arrived in town this morning, ready for the fray.

Al Ketchel, who meets Battling Kunz, of South Norwalk, in the ten round semi-final has been working out at Battling Levin's camp in Stratford.

Kunz is known as a slugger and there will be a crowd from South Norwalk to root for him.

Holland Sailors Won't Take U-Boat Risks

The Hague, March 23.—At a meeting in Amsterdam, held under the auspices of the Sailors' Union, the crews of half a dozen ocean going steamships voted to sail today resolved by an overwhelming majority not to join their ships until more definite arrangements had been reached with the government for the safety of the vessels. This decision affected also the Holland-American Line, whose steamship Nieuw Amsterdam is scheduled to sail tonight.

Rotterdam, March 23.—The Holland-American Line announced definitely today that the Nieuw Amsterdam would sail at 11 o'clock tonight. She will be accompanied as far as The Downs by tugs with lifesaving materials. These tugs also will escort the steamship Rotterdam in coming from New York from The Downs to this port.

Negotiations with the Sailors' Union have been concluded successfully so that no trouble with the crew of the Nieuw Amsterdam is expected.

About 550 passengers boarded the Nieuw Amsterdam yesterday evening and are waiting there for the vessel to sail. Among the passengers is Professor A. C. G. Van Hecke, of Louvain University, who has been delegated by the Belgian government to make a lecture tour of the United States to explain the workings of Belgian refugee camps in Holland.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

A civil service examination will be held May 3 in Hartford, New Haven and Middletown in this state and in other cities for an inspector of locomotives, the salary of which at the start will be \$1,800. Applicants must have had at least three years' experience as a railroad master mechanic, road foreman of engines, locomotive boiler maker, locomotive boiler inspector, roundhouse foreman, shop foreman, locomotive machinist or locomotive engineer.

The Australian cruiser Sydney put in at Havana for coal and provisions.

FREDDY WELSH TO MEET LEONARD IN NEW YORK MAR. 31

New York, March 23.—Freddy Welsh, lightweight champion of the world, and his greatest rival, Benny Leonard, were matched last night to clash in a ten-round bout at Madison square Garden on the night of March 31. Welsh gets a guarantee of \$12,500, while Leonard's share will be \$6,000.

"This match has been hanging fire for several weeks," said Jimmy Johnston, manager of the Show Corporation, "but it had to come some time, and little James believes that there's a time like the present. He also believes in that ancient adage, 'Make sugar while the taffy flows.'"

"This is just the proper time for this match. We all know that Leonard is in condition. He has shown this by his recent fights. And I'll let you in on a state secret. I s'pose I'll get bawled out by Harry Pollock for giving this out, but Welsh had been readying up for this match for some time."

"Ever since Benny began knocking all of the other contenders higher than a kite, Freddy has been aware of the fact that he'd have to give Benny a chance at his title."

Expert Banks To Show Chess Skill at Y. M. C. A.

Newell P. Banks, the world's foremost exponent of the game of draughts, has consented to come to Bridgeport to give simultaneous and blindfold exhibitions of the game. He will give two exhibitions in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. on March 24 and 25, at 8 o'clock. Banks will play 20 checker boards and ten chess boards simultaneously. After his exhibition of simultaneous playing, he will play ten chess of checker boards blindfolded.

Banks is also something of a chess player, too. He will play 20 boards simultaneously to please a club now and then. Among the men he has met recently at chess are players of international fame. Capablanca, champion of the world; Jaffe, champion of New York; Marshall, United States champion; Janowski, French champion; Chajes, the Austrian star; and many other players of the international tournament. Authorities rank Banks as one of the best 12 chess players of the world.

Banks is coming to Bridgeport through the efforts of the Y. M. C. A. Chess and Checker club, who at this time also promoting the city chess championship tourney. Edward Clark, L. Mead, John Jackson, John Clark, and many other well known Bridgeport players will try to outdo with the champion. All those who wish to play with Banks should immediately telephone or call at the Y. M. C. A. and reserve a sitting at the game table.

Old Mike Mowrey Is Back

After a year's sojourn in Jim Gilmore's little old last year's league, our old friend Henry Michael Mowrey is back in the regular ranks. Last autumn Mike threatened to quit the game for good and all, and leave us to our fate, while he watered the cauliflower vines and pruned the potato trees on a farm near his native town that dear old Chambersburg, Pa. As the months waxed and waned, and Springtime loomed up on the horizon of the future, and the roots of our glorious baseball language began to fill with sap and send up tentative shoots suggestive of the rich verbal flowers that would bloom a little later, a sort of feeling crept over the five feet and six inches of Henry Michael's stalwart frame. It was the variety of sensation which animates the person of every ball player when the time comes for the spring training trip.

Wherefore he was a willing victim when Uncle Robbie, the leader of the Brooklyn club, suggested to Mike that he become his slave during the 1915 season.

Mike is a veteran of the pastime, but at that he isn't so venerable, for he will be thirty-three tomorrow. His first engagement was in 1901 with a semi-professional club in Chester, Pa. In 1904 he was with Williamsport and Johnstown in the Tri-State League, and in 1905 he covered third base for Savannah in the Sally circuit. He was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds, but was turned over to Baltimore, early in 1906, to be recalled to the Reds later in the season. In 1907 Mike was the third baseman of the Reds, and he remained with that club another year, but in 1909 he was sold to St. Louis. He fielded brilliantly for the Cardinals, and he hit .232 in 1910; .267 in 1911; .245 in 1912; and .260 in 1913. Miller Huggins then traded him to the Pirates, along with Bob Harmon and Ed Konecny, and he batted .254 for Pittsburgh in 1914. With the Pittsburgh Reds last year Mike batted .288 in 151 games, and stole thirty-six bases. It is not at all likely that Uncle Robbie will use Mike regularly this season, but he will make a mighty useful man to call upon in case of accidents.

Four Thousand of Ovakuanyama Dead In African Battle

Capetown, March 23.—"The greatest battle ever fought against a native race in Africa," is the way a government Blue Book, just issued, characterizes a fight in the North of Africa, between the Portuguese and the rebellious Ovakuanyama. More than four thousand natives were killed in the battle, which lasted from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. The Portuguese firing over 2,000 rounds of French "75" shells.

According to a statement from Portuguese headquarters, their casualties were only 100.

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